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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
George E. Alliss  
Application No.: 10/693,160  
Filed: October 24, 2003  
For: VEGETATION TRIMMER  
APPARATUS  
Attorney Docket No.:  
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

## **AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application. Each of the amendments finds full support in the claims, specification and/or drawings as filed.

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Application No.: 10/693,190  
Amendment Dated: May 9, 2005  
Reply to Office Action Dated: January 25, 2005

Enclosed herewith is a Petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) requesting a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Official Action, thereby extending the period for response thereto up to and including May 25, 2005. Also enclosed is a check (no. 2124723) in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the Petition fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.